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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 308-1718

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about assaults. Please find the Trust's response below.

Please could you provide me with details of the following incidents that occurred in facilities managed by your trust on an annual basis, broken down by year from 2011 to 2018. Could you provide details of the numbers of reported physical assaults which took place on mental health facility premises run by your Trust by patients on staff and by patients on other patients. Ideally broken down by those where a weapon/object was involved and those that didn't.

- Total number of reported patient on staff assaults in facilities managed by your Trust each year
- Total number of reported patient on patient assaults in facilities managed by your Trust each year
- Number of reported assaults that included a weapon (knife, razor blade, needle etc) in facilities managed by your Trust each year

| Year | Physical assaults on staff | Patient on patient Physical assault | Number of reported assaults involving weapon |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2016 - 17 | 699 Please note - in 322 of those cases there was no harm to the person | 0 | 5 |

The Trust replaced its incident reporting system in April 2016, and incidents were categorised differently on the old system. Consequently for the reporting periods up to 31 March 2016 retrieval of the information would require manual examination of each incident report, which would exceed the cost limit set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

- Number of reported arson attempts / deliberately started fires in facilities managed by your Trust each year

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|-------------|---|
| 2011 | 6 |
| 2012 | 3 |
| 2013 | 2 |
| 2014 | 9 |
| 2015 | 6 |
| 2016 | 8 |
| 2017 | 8 |
| 2018 | 6 |

- Total amount paid in compensation by the Trust as a result of reported assaults by patients at facilities managed by your trust each year.

| Year Paid | Paid by Trust |
|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | £30,000 |
| 2012 | £11,258 |
| 2013 | £0 |
| 2014 | £0 |
| 2015 | £0 |
| 2016 | £0 |
| 2017 | £0 |
| 2018 | £10,000 |
| Total | £51,258 |

Should you have any queries in relation to our response in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unhappy with the response you have received in relation to your request and wish to ask us to review our response, you should write to:-

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Yours sincerely,

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